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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: MOPS PROGRAM IN TURKEY

SUMMARY: MOPS PROGRAM HAS ENCOUNTERED SNAG WHICH MAY DELAY EFFECTUATION. GOT REQUESTED CLARIFICATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY SIGNED GOT/UNFDAC AGREEMENT CONCERNING PROGRAM, ONE OF WHICH WOULD GIVE GOT TOTAL CONTROL OVER PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. UNFDAC REPLIED ACCEPTING OTHER ADDITIONS AND PROPOSING ALTERNATE LANGUAGE CONCERNING CONTROL WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT RECOGNIZE FULL GOT CONTROL OVER ITS AIRSPACE. TURKISH REPS INDICATED LAST WEEK LIKELIHOOD GOT COULD ACCEPT ALTERNATE LANGUAGE BUT GOT APPROVAL NOT YET RECEIVED. FURTHER DLAY MAY ENDANGER EFFECTUATION OF MOPS OPERATION THIS POPPY CROP YEAR. END SUMMARY

2. GOT LAST MONTH PRESENTED UNFDAC WITH REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF UNFDAC/GOT AGREEMENT CONCERNING MOPS PROGRAM, RAISING FIVE ITEMS INVOLVING ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE. UNFDAC HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH ONE TIME, WHICH IT INTERPRETED AS GIVING GOT FULL CONTROL OVER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH REP. GENEVA INDICATED GOT WANTED THIS LANGUAGE TO ENSURE TURKISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTROL OF ITS AIRSPACE. UNFDAC REPLIED WITH PROPOSAL FOR LANGUAGE RECOGNIZING GOT CONTROL OF ITS AIRSPACE, BUT GOT HAS NOT YET APPROVED ALTERNATE LANGUAGE.

2. UNFDAC UNDERSTANDS REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AROSE WHEN GOT DISCOVERED THAT, BECAUSE OF MIX-UP WITHIN TURKISH GOVERNMENT, PLANS FOR MOPS PROGRAM HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH

GENERAL STAFF. THE LATTER, UPON LEARNING OF PROGRAM, INITIATED GOT REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND IS DELAYING FINAL APPROVAL.

3. FUND WAS NOT PREPARED TO GIVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF OPERATION TO GOT, BUT UNDERSTOOD FROM TURKIISH REPS THAT ALTERNATE LANGUAGE WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOT. LAST WEEK FUND WAS INFORMED THAT ALTERNATE LANGUAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TO CHIEF OF GNERAL STAFF, THEN IN BRUSSELS, AND APPROVAL SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. APPROVAL HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, ALTHOUGH RESPONSIBLE OFFICER IS NOW REPORTEDLY BACK IN ANKARA.

4. IMPASSE HAS DELAYED MOVEMENT OF TURKEY OF MOPS PLANES AND PERSONNEL, WHICH HAVE BEEN IN GENEVA AWAITING ORDERS TO PROCEED. TIME IS RUNNING OUT IN WHICH PLANES COULD DO EFFECTIVE JOB IN SPOTTING ILLICIT POPPY CULTIVATION IN THIS CROP YEAR. FUND BELIEVES THAT IT CAN STILL EFFECTUATE SIGNIFICANT PART OF PROGRAM IF IT RECEIVES GOT APPROVAL BY END OF MAY. OTHERWISE IT IS CONSIDERING RETURNING PERSONNEL TO STATES AND MAKING STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANES.

5. COMMENT: UNFDAC/GOT PROGRAM HAS INVOLVED INTENSIVE BARGAINING IN PAST, BUT THIS TIME BARGAINING THREATENS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORTANT PROGRAM SEGMENT. FUND AND DND OFFICIALS ARE AT LOSS TO DETERMINE WHETHER DELAY ATTRIBUTABLE TO RUFFLED FEATHERS OF GENERAL STAFF DUE TO SNAFU WITHIN GOT, TO GENUINE GENERAL STAFF CONCERN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT FLIGHTS IN SENSITIVE AREAS, TO MORE GENERAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH UPCOMING ELECTIONS OF TO SOME OTHER FACTORS. IF CONCERN ABOUT FLIGHTS WERE ISSUE, THEY THOUGH FUND RECOGNIZATION OF GOT CONTROL OF ITS AIRSPACE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLEVIATE. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANKARA'S EVALUATION THIS SITUATION.SORENSEN

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